

JOINT MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL AND PLANNING BOARD
JUNE 12, 2017

Opening Items

Mayor Chegwidden and Vice Chairman Steele called the Meeting to Order.

Mayor Chegwidden read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Roll Call

Mayor Chegwidden requested Roll Call:

Council President Binkoski – Present
Councilman Corbett – Present
Councilwoman Hayes- Present
Councilwoman Veres- Present
Councilwoman Wickenheisser- Present
Councilman Yeager- Present

Vice Chairman Steele requested Roll Call:

Chairman Ken Loury- Absent, excused
Mayor William J. Chegwidden- Present
Councilman Thomas Yeager- Present
Ms. Charlotte Kelly- Present
Mr. Roger Steele-Present
Mr. Marc Harris-Present
Mr. Jared Coursen-Present
Mr. Patrick O'Brien- Present
Mr. Peter Rathjens- Present
Ms. Jennifer O'Malley-Dorr-Present
Mr. Brian Bosworth- Present

Also in attendance were Administrator Jon Rheinhardt, Borough Clerk Gabrielle Evangelista, Borough Planner Jessica Caldwell, and Attorney George Johnson.

Flag Salute

Mayor Chegwidden led those in attendance with the salute to the American Flag.

Mayor Chegwidden thanked Mike Arroyo and the rest of the Wharton FOP as well as Robin Ghebreel for all of their hard work in planning the recent carnival, which was a success.

Open to the Public

In accordance with Local Ordinance O-18-03, "Persons making public comment at the first public portion shall be limited to five (5) minutes. During the second public portion, the Mayor or Council President shall have the discretion to terminate any repetitive, irrelevant or excessive public comment in the interest of permitting all members of the public time to speak on any governmental issue and completing the public business within a reasonable period of time".

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

Pete Mullaney, 30 E. Thomas St.: Mr. Mullaney asked about a fire hydrant that he believes was installed in his yard during the work that is being done on E. Central Avenue and he was not notified about it. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that he will look into it, but believes the location is in the town's right-of-way. He also advised that

letters were sent to residents prior to the beginning of the project and the Borough also notifies residents about road-work via the Everbridge system and the Borough's social media accounts. Mr. Mullaney advised that he did not receive a letter and that he feels like the hydrant could have been placed in a better location. Mr. Rheinhardt advised that he will follow up with Mr. Mullaney.

Mr. Mullaney also reported that a telephone pole on the corner of his street appears to be recently have been hit. He thinks it may have been hit by the workers on project. He spoke with someone in town that told him they had reported it to the phone company. Mayor Chegwiddden advised that they will look into it further.

No one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Chegwiddden closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor and Council Meeting

Ordinance

Councilwoman Hayes presented O-07-17, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 330, Section 20 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey," on second reading by title only.

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Mayor Chegwiddden closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and was seconded by Councilman Yeager to adopt O-07-17 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0
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MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Councilman Yeager presented O-08-17, "An Amending Chapter 40, Section 7 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey," on second reading by title only.

Mayor Chegwiddden opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on this ordinance only.

No one wishing to be heard, Mayor Chegwiddden closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager and was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to adopt O-08-17 on second and final reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0
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MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance

Council President Binkoski introduced O-09-17, "An Ordinance Adding Chapter 134 to the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey," on first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to adopt O-09-17 on first reading.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0
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MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwiddden set the date of June 26, 2017 for second and final reading.

Consent Agenda

The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen so requests, in which case, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

Approval of Bills: All bills referred to the finance committee to be paid if found correct.

Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2017 Meeting

Resolutions: R-85-17, Authorizing a Morris County Trail Construction Grant Application
R-86-17: Prof. Services- CHA Oxford Road and Cambridge Road Improvements
R-87-17: Belcher Payout
R-88-17: Approve Tax Sale Redemption TSC 2016-006
R-89-17: Construction Change Order 1- East Central Avenue Phase II Water Main Improvements
R-90-17: Award Bid Princeton Avenue Phase II Roadway Improvements
R-91-17: Clean Community Chapter 159
R-92-17: Liquor License Renewals
R-93-17: Alcohol Education and Rehab Fund Chapter 159
R-94-17: Prof. Services- Safe Routes to School Engineer

Appoint Jennifer DePaul as a Police Matron

Approve Participation in Senior Food Program

Councilman Corbett requested that R-92-17 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council President Binkoski and was seconded by Councilman Corbett to approve all of the items listed on the Consent Agenda except for R-92-17.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Chegwiddden asked Grant Coordinator, John Manna to advise the Council about the Trail Construction Grant Application. Mr. Manna advised the application is for the development of trails along Irondale Mountain. We will be able to utilize the TAP Grant funds that we already have for the match portion of the grant so there will no additional cost to the Borough. More discussion about this followed.

Councilwoman Wickenheisser was very pleased to announce that the Carnival made \$26,000. She can't thank the FOP, Alliance, and all of the volunteers enough for their hard work. The money is going to be used to set up an after-school program for Wharton kids.

Councilman Corbett asked if the restrictions on the Canal House liquor license renewal could be changed to an actual time instead of sundown, since sundown is hard to define. Chief Fernandez agreed with the change and Ms. Evangelista advised she will look into whether or not it can be changed and will have the renewal with the change, if possible, for the following meeting. In the meantime the R-92-17 was amended to remove that renewal and Council President Binkoski made

a motion to approve said Resolution as amended which was seconded by Councilman Corbett.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEA-6NAY-0 ABSENT-0 ABSTAIN- 0

MOTION CARRIED

Joint Meeting

Wharton Center Plan and Economic Development Plan

Mayor Chegwiddden introduced Borough Planner Jessica Caldwell who presented about the creation of a Sustainable Economic Development Plan and Center Plan in conjunction with the Highlands Council. He advised that we are glad to be participating in this activity. Ms. Caldwell explained that Wharton is in the Highlands Planning Area and the Highlands Council helps to support economic growth in towns within the Highlands area through grants, which we can use this analysis to apply for. Following her explanation, Ms. Caldwell along with Mayor Chegwiddden, and Mr. Rheinhardt led all in attendance in a discussion in order to create a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis for economic development in the Borough. After a lengthy group brain-storming and discussion that included contributions from the Mayor, Councilmembers, Planning Board Members, and members of the public that were in attendance the following SWOT Analysis was created:

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
Water, Sewer Infrastructure Historical footprint Emergency Services Parking Location Outdoor activities Multi-Cultural Streetscape Public Works EMS Equipment Education Relations with other towns Canal Day/Morris Canal Financial situation/ Debt Free Veterans Relations/Picatinny Festivals Variety of sports Library Collaborative community Affordability Radio Station Backup Generators for Water & Town Hall Variety of Worship Houses Town website/ Everbridge Twitter; Facebook	Traffic on Dewey & Main Congestion Parking Narrow Streets for Traffic Speeding in Residential Area Sidewalk Widths Empty Store Fronts Lack of Unification in Downtown Area Pedestrians walking in Streets, Not On Sidewalks Aged stock of homes Economic Surge of Foreclosed Homes Being Purchased Rateable areas 3 Major Developments Town supporting local Businesses Lack of Diversity for Businesses Volunteering Facades Not Upgraded Ageing Housing Stock	People Coming into Town Main Street Re-Development Shop Local Owner operated businesses Symbiotic businesses Town Assisting in Building Purchases Coupon Cards for Businesses Farmers Market Betty Poyer Park Stage Train Station Tourism -Morris County EDC School trips – Morris Canal Trail systems in Town Internet Promotion/Marketing Travel Guide Welcome Wagon Pkg. Info Everbridge New Exit Signage Mayors Newsletter Tonight’s Meeting Positive Engagement Tonight Business Directory New Businesses Mail Order 600 Acre Lake	Rockaway Townsquare Mall Absentee Landlords Internet Competition Fear of Change Facebook Rumors/ Misinformation Lack of Understanding re: Changes (ex. Mandatory Affordable Housing) “Not in my back yard” NIMBY Shrinking Grant Threats Public Apathy for Businesses Fern Kossuth Businesses NJDEP/ Highlands Restrictions Nockternal Lounge Jurisdictional Boundaries (Zip Codes)

Wireless Infrastructure Shop Rite & Costco Restaurants Hospital Nearby Busing Town Roads- All Paved Within 5 Years 105 W. Dewey Businesses Washington Pond Canal Trolley Parks, Tennis Courts, Recreation Fields, Playgrounds Walkable Town Consistency of Administration Water Tower Taxes: Second lowest per capita Property Taxes include Garbage, Police Job Fair Street Sweep & Recycling Ctr. Quaintness	Community Involvement Changing Offices to Apartments Short Term Business Rents No Marketing of “Shop Local” Concept Washington Pond “Silting”	Stage Bay Park Restaurant Nights Improve Nocturnal Lounge Walkability Small Business Loans Food Trucks 125 th Anniversary Celebrate Multi- Generational Population Borough Owned Utilities FIOS - Fiber Network	
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Ms. Caldwell and Mayor Chegwidden thanked everyone for attending and for sharing some great ideas. Mayor Chegwidden also thanked everyone for such a positive meeting. The Borough is going to take these ideas and work on some of the items that can be addressed. Everyone agreed to schedule a similar meeting to follow up in the fall. Council President Binkoski asked everyone in attendance to please spread the word and invite family, neighbors, and friends to attend and participate in the next meeting.

Open to the Public

Mayor Chegwidden opened the meeting to the public.

No one wishing to be heard, Mayor Chegwidden closed the meeting to the public.

Adjournment

No further business to attend to this evening Councilman Corbett made a motion to adjourn this meeting. This was seconded by Council President Binkoski. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

No further Planning Board business to attend to this evening Mr. Coursen made a motion to adjourn this meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Bosworth. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

June 12, 2017

ATTEST:

Gabrielle Evangelista,
Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,
MAYOR